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Dear Sir:

This letter **pertains to the department of Commerce's section 232 investigation; with** regard to the **effect** that imports of Iron ore and **semi-finished** steel have on **northeastern Minnesota.**

Imagine the impacts to our area if two thousand mining jobs and up to four thousand spin spin-off jobs are lost? People who held these good paying jobs will be forced to leave the area to find suitable employment. Providing services to those residents who remain will become exceedingly difficult as revenues diminish.

We need to ensure that our federal officials conducting this investigation are aware of the enormous consequences of allowing unfairly traded semi-finished steel to decimate our iron ore industry. For over one hundred and **fifty** years the people of Northeastern Minnesota have worked hard to supply the raw material for America's industrial revolution. In order for this to continue, our government must enforce the trade regulations that allow for fair competition. This letter is in support of the section 232 investigation of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

My personal comments in regard to this issue:

Signed; \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please send signed letter to above address prior to April 6<sup>th</sup>)

### **List of Contributors, High School - Hoyt Lakes, MN:**

Samantha Blake: "That we're not going to have lots of people and only going to have one school. They will effect the other jobs like not as much people. Not as much money."

Kirk Small

Kate Creighton

Kyle Leffel

James Little

Lenla Blasihard

Karla Pospeck: "The imports of cheap steel into the United States have made many hardships in my community. We need to stop jobs that are being lost in America."

Sophie Matanich: "I believe that something should be done about this. People should find a way to get jobs back to the ones who have lost theirs."

Jess Andersen: "People in other industries should help these people out and make new jobs for them even if it is small jobs."

Bonnie Lee: "Anything should be done to help the people who lost jobs."

Amber Monser

Adrian Leiari: "If you buy cheap import steel it takes money and jobs away from the american people. So by buying it you're screwing over your own country. I think its pretty sad."

Matt Niedjrejski: "I feel that all the workers that are being laid off are being ripped off. Many of these guys have worked in the mines there whole lives and that is all they know. I think it is sad that these guys are losing the opportunity to do the only thing we know how."

Maggie Popp: "It should definitely be fair competition."

Lindsey Mitchell

Sarah Jamberli

Debra Sanchiry: "Despite what lawmakers want to think, America is losing its dreams by not taking action with foreign trade which is recking our economy. Foreign steel

dumping is not only destroying our economy it's destroying families like mine. Please help our communities. We elected you. Now you can help us."

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Shaun Jacobson: "I think dumping of foreign steel is gay. We are going down."

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Richard Jensen.